

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 8, please replace paragraph beginning on line 8 as follows:

FIG. 1[[a]]A shows a detailed representation of a first embodiment of a guide device for use in a motor vehicle seat, the adjuster lever to be guided being locked in a first adjustment position;

Page 8, please replace paragraph beginning on line 14 as follows:

FIG. 1[[b]]B shows the guide device from FIG. 1[[a]]A, during movement of the adjuster lever is moved from the first adjustment position into a second adjustment position;

Page 8, please replace paragraph beginning on line 19 as follows:

FIG. 1[[c]]C shows the guide device from FIG. 1[[a]]A, the adjuster lever to be guided being detained in a second adjustment position;

Page 8, please replace paragraph beginning on line 23 as follows:

FIG. 2 shows a refinement of the guide device from FIGS. 2[[a]]A to 2[[c]]C, having at total of three adjustment positions;

Page 8, please replace paragraph beginning on line 27 as follows:

FIG. 3[[a]]A shows a modification of the guide device from FIG. 1[[a]]A, having a displaceable locking element for locking the adjuster lever, the adjuster lever being detained in a first adjustment position;

Page 8, please replace paragraph beginning on line 33 as follows:

FIG. 3[[b]]B shows the guide device from FIG. 3[[a]]A, during movement of the adjuster lever from the first adjustment position into a second adjustment position;

Page 9, please replace paragraph beginning on line 1 as follows:

FIG. 3[[c]]C shows the guide device from FIG. 3[[a]]A, the adjuster lever being detained in a second locking position;

Page 9, please replace paragraph beginning on line 5 as follows:

FIG. 4 shows a further modification of the guide device from FIG. 1[[a]]A.

Page 11, please replace paragraph beginning on line 9 as follows:

FIG. 1[[a]]A shows a first illustrative embodiment of a guide device for guiding and locking a guide section F of an adjuster lever or of another adjuster element, which guide device is disposed on a base plate 1.

Page 11, please replace paragraph beginning on line 24 as follows:

The locking of the guide section F in each of the two adjustment positions, i.e. either in the region of the first end 11a or in the region of the second end 11b of the guide link 11, is attended to by a locking element in the form of a locking lever 2, which is attached to the base plate 1 pivotably about an axis 12 and which, in its locking position represented in FIG. 1[[a]]A, is arranged in such a way that a first locking section 20a of the locking lever 2 lies opposite the first end 11a of the guide link 11 and a second locking section 20b of the locking lever 2 lies opposite the second end 11b of the guide link 11. The guide section F of an adjuster lever can here be clamped between the respective locking section 20a, 20b of the locking lever 2 and the respectively opposite end 11a and 11b of the guide link 11, so that the guide section F is blocked in the respective adjustment position and the locking lever is thus detained.

Page 13, please replace paragraph beginning on line 6 as follows:

Ultimately, the guide section F of the adjuster lever, in the state shown in FIG. 1[[a]]A, is detained in a first adjustment position, and in this adjustment position is clamped between one end 11a of the guide link 11 provided on the base plate 1 and an opposite locking section 20a of

the locking lever 2 located in its locking position and is thus blocked in a play-free and rattle-free manner.

Page 14, please replace paragraph beginning on line 11 as follows:

When the second adjustment position is reached, in accordance with a contact of the guide section F of the corresponding adjuster lever against the front, second end 11b of the guide link 11, the locking lever 2, under the action of the assigned restoring means in the form of a tension spring 4, can return into the locking position represented in FIG. 1[[c]]C, the guide section F then being accommodated between the front end 11b of the guide link 11 and the assigned, opposite locking section 20b of the locking lever 2 and thus being blocked in the corresponding adjustment position. For this purpose, it is merely necessary to release the secondary locking lever 3, so that this no longer opposes a return motion of the primary locking lever 2 into the locking position and the tension spring 4 acting upon the primary locking lever 2 can bring about the described return of the locking lever 2 into the locking position.

Page 15, please replace paragraph beginning on line 5 as follows:

It ultimately becomes clear with reference to FIGS. 1[[2a]]A to 1[[2c]]C that, with only one locking element in the form of a locking lever 2, the guide section F, and hence also the adjuster lever connected to the guide section, can be locked in two different adjustment positions, in each of the two adjustment positions one of two lateral locking sections 20a, 20b of the locking lever 2 blocking the guide section F in the guide link 11 of the base plate 1 in its respective adjustment position. This is achieved by means of just one single locking element in the form of a locking lever 2, which is movable to and fro between a release position and a locking position and is here elastically pretensioned in the direction of the locking position and can be detained in this latter position by means of a secondary locking lever 3.

Page 15, please replace paragraph beginning on line 22 as follows:

FIG. 2 shows a refinement from FIGS. 1A[[2a]] to 1C[[2b]], the difference consisting in the fact that the locking lever 2 has between the two locking sections 20a, 20b a recess which serves as a

third locking section 20c and in which the guide section F of an adjuster lever can engage when it is located in the middle region of the assigned guide link 11 between the two ends 11a, 11b thereof and the locking lever 2 is disposed in the locking position, as represented in FIG. 2. This allows the guide section F, and hence the assigned locking lever, to be locked in a third adjustment position lying between the two adjustment positions defined by the ends 11a, 11b of the guide link 11.

Page 16, please replace paragraph beginning on line 14 as follows:

FIG. 3[[a]]A shows a modification of the arrangement from FIG. 1[[a]]A, the basic difference consisting in the fact that a locking element in the form of a displaceable locking part 2' serves (in place of a locking lever) to lock the guide section F in a connecting link 11 provided in the basic element 10 of a base plate 1.

Page 17, please replace paragraph beginning on line 4 as follows:

FIG. 3[[a]]A here shows the guide device in a state in which the guide section F is accommodated between a first end 11a of the guide link 11 and an opposite first locking section 20a of the locking part 2', so that the associated adjuster lever is locked in the corresponding adjustment position.

Page 17, please replace paragraph beginning on line 33 as follows:

In order to be able to move the guide section F out of the adjustment position shown in FIG. 3[[a]]A, in which it is disposed at the first end 11a of the assigned guide link 11, into the second adjustment position next to the second end 11b of the guide link 11, the secondary locking lever 3 must be pivoted (clockwise) counter to the action of the assigned restoring means (tension spring 5) in such a way the guide element 31 thereof moves in the direction of the other end 21b of the slot-like locking link 21 provided in the longitudinally displaceable adjuster part 2'. For this purpose, the secondary locking lever 3 is coupled to an assigned actuating device, for example in the form of a manual control element or in the form of a servo drive.

Page 18, please replace paragraph beginning on line 10 as follows:

The pivoting of the secondary locking lever 3, which thus serves, at the same time, as an actuating device, causes the longitudinally displaceable locking part 2', as represented in FIG. 3[[b]]B, to be displaced in such a way that it no longer covers the guide link 11 provided in the base plate 1. The guide section F can then be moved from one end 11a of the guide link 11 in the direction of the other end 11b thereof, it being able to slide along an upper edge 23 of the longitudinally displaceable locking part 2'.

Page 18, please replace paragraph beginning on line 21 as follows:

After the second end 11b of the guide link 11 has been reached, in accordance with the second adjustment position of the assigned adjuster lever, the guide section F can then readily be locked in the newly reached position by termination of the actuation of the secondary locking lever 3. Under the action of the assigned tension springs 4 and 5 acting as restoring means, according to FIG. 3[[c]]C the longitudinally displaceable locking part 2' and the secondary locking lever 3 then return respectively into the position in which they bring about a locking of the guide section F in the second adjustment position and, at the same time, a detention of the longitudinally displaceable locking part 2' in the corresponding locking position.

Page 18, please replace paragraph beginning on line 36 as follows:

FIG. 4 shows a further modification of the arrangement from FIGS. 1[[2a]]A to 1[[2b]]C, the basic difference consisting in the fact that the locking lever 2, in its locking position represented in FIG. 4, in which it can detain the guide section F in the respective adjustment position with one or other locking section 20a, 20b, is held, apart from by the elastic pretensioning of a restoring spring 4, also by means of gravitational forces G. In other words, in this illustrative embodiment the locking lever 2 is arranged such that, in the locking position, the gravitational forces G acting upon the locking lever 2 act in the direction of a maintenance of the locking position. If the weight of the locking lever 2 is sufficiently great, an additional, secondary locking element for detaining the locking lever 2 in its locking position can in this case be relinquished.